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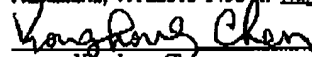
For: VEHICLE WITH AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE AND AN AXLE
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the following documents for the above-identified application. Copies of any non-US documents set forth below and listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A, copy of the Hearing Transcript dated October 12, 2005 issued in the corresponding German application are provided herewith.

1. DE - D 16312 II/63 C

Document 1 was cited in the Hearing Transcript dated October 12, 2005. No English

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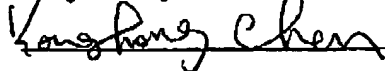
translation or abstract of Document 1 is readily available. It is stated in the Hearing Transcript that Document 1 relates to a lining of a front wall in a vehicle for acoustic insulation. A front wall lining for acoustic insulation provides a person skilled in the art the hint when corresponding conditions are present. The transfer to an axle carrier constitutes an ordinary activity by a person skilled in the art. This satisfies Applicants' obligation of explaining relevancy of non-English document.

Since the present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action, no statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is required.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08A be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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